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On Behalf Of: Wild Salmon Center
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5521

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Now is the time to secure the wins of the Private Forest Accord for the long haul, to provide more certainty for forest landowners and improve protections for clean water and fish over the next 50 years.

But these changes aren't guaranteed. Without a federally-approved Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by 2027, the new rules roll back entirely to the outdated standards that failed to protect clean water and salmon habitat. Without a solid commitment to fund core conservation programs, Oregon's path to federal approval is unclear.

It is increasingly important to protect & safeguard what pristine areas We have left-I am also VERY concerned about trumps' policies and opening up a massive almost 300 MILLION acres of Our Wilderness areas, refuges and even Our Parks!!!

It is UP to EVERY State to preserve these important areas that TRULY make America Great and define this country-create recreation for residents and People ALL over the World-along with vital habitat for Wild life that are struggling due to Humans encroachment and destruction!

There are some places that are TOO precious and priceless to exploit and plunder for short term profit-I HOPE that YOU PROTECT Oregons' amazing Natural Beauty and ALL the Wildlife that People living there care about and share these areas with! Please fully fund \$10 million for the SFISH grant program for small forestland owners and \$6 million for the adaptive management program to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules in the Oregon Department of Forestry's budget (Senate Bill 5521).

Sincerely,